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SHANGHAI has been called "the Sodom of China". When the Chinese Christians of the interior refer to the "far country" to which the Prodigal journeyed they call it "Shanghai". This great port with its foreign territory draws not only from all China but from all over the world the lawless and the unscrupulous. Unnumbered thousands of helpless girls and children are enslaved there and the "Door of Hope" needs to be kept always open for those who can be rescued from degradation and bondage. Seven foreign and fourteen Chinese Christians carry on the work connected with this shelter which receives girls who themselves escape or are committed by officials to this refuge. The municipal police give unfailing and indispensable assistance. It is interesting to those who know of this Christ-like work initiated by our missionaries, to read an article by Gardner L. Harding in *The Century*, in which he speaks of the "Gate of Hope," a municipal home for rescued girls and women in Peking, and states that the idea of having this city institution was suggested by new police from further south—perhaps the very officers who had gladly brought the piteous little slaves to the Door of Hope in Shanghai.

DR. ELIZABETH ESTHER ANDERSON of Cadiz, Ohio, in September last, sorrowfully bade good-bye to her beloved Tooker Memorial Hospital in Soochow, China, with its grateful patients and her devoted fellow missionaries, to take the long journey home in the hope that medical skill here might restore health. With unfailing courage she reached Philadelphia at last, only to live three days and on November first she was released from suffering and freed for the perfect service above. Never did braver heart meet disappointment, suffering and death, and never did missionary give more cheerful unselfish devotion than did Dr. Anderson during the nine years of her beautiful service.

ONLY two years of service was given by Edna M. Brack of Wei Hsien, who went out in September, 1914, and was called home in October, 1916, dying from toxic heart failure. This sudden ending to a service so lately begun seemed to our limited comprehension most mysterious. But we must remember, as one has written,

"That naught is lacking, in the eternal eye,
To that dear life's full orb and rounded history.
No casual stroke removed her or surprised
That Master who of old her work devised.
All looks abrupt to us, a fragment torn
Before the final page, and so we mourn.
But the great Poet of our tasks and days
Writes now His epics, now His shorter lays.
This shortened lifetime, in His secret plan,
Through morn and noon to timely sunset ran;
Brief prelude, but complete, to that long day
Which now begins, in God's unsetting ray."

WHEN Mary Slessor went to Calabar its inhabitants had been described as "the slum-dwellers of negro land. . . . bloody, cruel, treacherous, sensual, cannibals, etc". Read her life to understand their gradual development and how it happens that recently the young native Christians of the mission schools there made among themselves a voluntary offering to the children of Belgium of nearly five hundred dollars. Could there be a more concrete and illuminating illustration of the influence of the Light of the World in the darkest souls?

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THAT was a moving sidelight thrown on one phase of the cost of foreign mission work at one of the noon meetings by a young physician just sailing for his field. He spoke of his old and feeble father, with his white hair uncovered, as they parted at the railway station, not hoping to see each other again in this world. "Good-bye," he said, "God bless you. Good-bye, my son, till we meet again on the other shore!"

OCTOBER THIRD was a historic day for the Women's Boards, when representatives of their Central Committee met with the Assembly's Board in pursuance of the new plan of cooperation. These new plans, as carefully worked out in conference, must tend greatly to the force and cohesion of the group of Foreign Mission Boards.

PERHAPS it is on account of the war that our cousins across the water are somewhat ahead of us in regard to the issues involved in the question of the place of women in the church. In the United Free Church of Scotland, the Secretary to the Women's Foreign Missions Committee (which corresponds to our group of Women's Boards) is a woman and is appointed by the Assembly on the same basis as the other Foreign Mission Secretaries. The Assembly also has decided that on Committees for Foreign and for Home Missions, and for other causes, corresponding to our Assembly's Boards, representatives of the Women's Committee sit as full voting members. In the report of the Assembly's deliberations on this forward step it is said of its proposer: "His speech represented the new life that is pulsating through the Church and community, the larger vision, the more generous ideals which underlie the movements of the time." To the suggestion that the matter should be adjourned till after the war a debater replied, "Sir, the onward movement of women is not being adjourned during the war", and another debater, supporting the proposal, remarked that "our minds have been fossilized by centuries of committees". There are not many women in our Church who wish to assume heavier responsibilities than they are already carrying. That was rather a pertinent remark recently made by an Episcopal rector in discussion on the question of sending women delegates to their General Convention. "If women go in that capacity," he said, "the men will leave the job to them, and it is a pity to take away from the men of the Church any work that they are willing to do".

DURING the past year, five Bible Training Conferences have been held in China as an outgrowth of the evangelistic forward movement inaugurated by Dr. Mott and Dr. Eddy. It is interesting to note that no women were in attendance at the first two of these conferences, while the last three were all attended by women. Now, two Bible Conferences, one in Kuling and one in North China have been held especially for women. American methods of Sunday-school organization are taught in these conferences, as these methods are found to be especially adapted to the Chinese. The women, who are trained in these conferences, will, in their turn, organize classes which will be centers of service for other women.

"AN extra four pages in January for China!" Every month since last March when the treasury of WOMAN'S WORK declared a dividend, this alluring prospect has dangled before the eyes of the Editor and somewhat consoled her as she laid aside for future use one interesting communication after another from China. But alas! all this time paper was steadily climbing up in the scale of prices and the addition which used to cost about seventy-five dollars, now, with our larger edition, soars into the hundreds. So we, who have war's prices without war's profits, can indulge in no luxuries.

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In October, REV. DR. HORACE G. UNDERWOOD, Chosen
In November, DR. ELIZABETH E. ANDERSON, China

"O Almighty God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Book of Common Prayer

"Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!"

Casting Out Fear

GEO. L. GELWICKS

CHINA'S need of Christ's Gospel may be realized by a visit to one of the sacred mountains, where the religious life should be seen at its best. Confucianism is in no true sense a religion. It is a system of ethics and political economy. Disciples of Confucius asked, "Master, please tell us about death". All that he was able to reply was, "When one does not know life how can he know death?" The real religious life centers about five great sacred mountains. To one of these, during the season, pilgrims come at the rate of ten thousand a day. Wherever one travels they may be seen, singly or in groups of fifty or a hundred, flying banners, blowing trumpets, singing the songs of pilgrimage and bearing burning incense

sticks. They stop at every little shrine to worship and leave an offering for the god. The great temple itself is a magnificent piece of architecture, with bright yellow porcelain-tiled roof, surrounded by a colonnade of huge pillars of granite. Near the entrance are two structures, perhaps eight feet square, kilns in which burns a blazing fire, the bricks at white heat. The only fuel used to sustain these fires is the tiny incense-sticks, the prayer packets and sheets of paper money—offerings of the worshippers. This gives some idea of the vast numbers of pilgrims. The stairway up to the temple parts to make room in the center for the great dragon, carved in high relief out of white marble. Up the serpentine coils of this, pilgrims wind, kneeling as they go and rubbing coins on the dragon's back. These are fastened on children's caps for protection from devils.

The temple is entered by two doors. Within one hangs a great bronze bell, higher than the tallest man. Inside the other door is the giant drum five or more feet across. When this bell is rung and the drum beaten, as their tones reverberate through the vast building, it is easy to realize the feeling of awe inspired in the worshippers. All around the walls are idols, and in the center the main shrine. The roof rests on columns seventy-five or more feet high, ornamented at the top by carvings of great birds. But often the smoke from the incense and fire-crackers of the worshippers is so dense that the carvings are utterly lost to view. Before the shrine, pilgrims kneel on the stone floor, burning incense, casting lots and offering prayer to gods whose ears hear not. Often a candle, eight or ten inches high is lit, the devotees kneeling in prayer while it burns slowly away and flickers out. That candle flickering out is a sad symbol of the hopelessness of such religion, leaving its souls to grope their way in darkness. After worship in the temple they begin the climb of the mountain four thousand feet high. All along the roadway, on which the steps are often cut out of living rock, are located temples, before each of which they must stop to worship. At the temple on the summit the pilgrim stops for five or ten minutes—and then down again and back home.

One class is known as the Kneeling Pilgrims. They dress entirely in red and hold a little bench on which are the incense sticks. They are impelled by a sense of deep guilt, either of themselves or some members of their families, which they must expiate. All the way from their homes, up to the mountain top, and back again they go, walking two or three steps, then kneeling, then a few steps, and kneeling again. And it is no mere bending of the knee, but a prostration on all fours with the head touching the ground. Often one sees them with a large bruise on the forehead from the frequent contact of head and pavements.

What do they gain for all this sacrifice and devotion? Nothing that can satisfy the needs of the soul. One can not witness these men and women without realizing how the human heart is ever yearning and reaching out for fellowship with the Divine. As Augustine put it, so long ago, "O Lord, Thou hast made our souls for Thyself and they are restless till they rest in Thee". There is no need to tell China's people that they are sinners; there is need to bring them an escape from sin. One saying on the lips of all, old or young, learned or ignorant, is, "*shan yu shan bao, wo yu wo bao*". That is, "good has a reward of good and evil a penalty of evil". They come up to this shrine conscious of being beaten in the struggle of good with evil and go home just as powerless to do what they themselves feel they ought to do.

And how is Christ meeting this need? I might tell of organizations and institutions, of schools, hospitals and printing presses, but the real measure of missionary service must be in other terms than those of "brick and mortar". It must be in living, throbbing items of flesh and blood—men and women whom Jesus Christ and His Gospel are able to lay hold on and transform. Did space permit, I should introduce you to some

Floods and famines follow the lack of trees in China. When the Chinese keep the Ching-Ming Festival by worshipping at the tombs of their ancestors they have stripped the few precious remaining trees of branches for decoration. Through the influence of Nanking University, at the suggestion of Mr. Bailie, the missionary agriculturist, the President of the Republic ordered that the Festival should be celebrated as an Arbor Day and trees be planted instead of destroyed. On the grounds of the university the picture shows Vice-president John E. Williams planting the tree which is held by President Bowen.

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of the congregations and individuals, brothers and sisters of yours in Christ, whom it has been my privilege to know as personal friends in a pioneer mission field, where a little over fifteen years ago, a Christian was something almost unknown.

I can give only one incident, occurring when the wife of a co-worker died. Just after the birth of a little son the mother slipped away at dusk. It is not my purpose to make you feel what it meant to that little group of missionaries, there in the isolation and oppressing weight of heathenism, to have a member of the band fall. I wish that you should feel its meaning and message to Chinese hearts. The writer conducted the funeral service in Chinese. The chapel was crowded with friends. The thought taken was that to him who trusts in Christ there is no such thing as death. What we call death is only sleep. Death is only for him who is without God, and we should surely see and speak with our sister again. In all our grief it was a comfort to see how these Chinese reached out laying hold on this truth for themselves. At the close of service, after they had passed by the casket, some of the women made a remark to my wife that may seem very simple to you. But oh! if you knew the terrible fear that the Chinese have of death and demons, you would understand. They said, "We were not a bit afraid to look at her". *Not afraid*—there is the transforming touch of Jesus!

HANGCHOW, Hunan.

New Creatures

LAVINIA M. ROLLESTONE

"IF ANY MAN is in Christ he is a new creature," and I am going to tell you of some of these whom I have known in China.

First I want to take you with me into Ningpo. You will have to "watch your step," the stones are uneven and slippery, due partly to the polishing by the soft shoes which have trodden them for generations and also to the water splashed by water carriers and decaying refuse thrown into every available corner. In the crowd often you may have to flatten yourself against a wall to avoid being flattened by the carriers and chair-bearers whose warning cries never cease. Passing the fish market we come to one of our street chapels, where Miss Annie Morton, at the time of which I am writing, held a weekly class for women. It was a semi-industrial class and, as they sewed the women were taught to repeat texts of Scripture and hymns. By and by the work was folded up and they gave their whole attention for a little while to the Gospel story.

A woman came one day into the class, untidy, unwashed and unattractive, with a sickly baby in her arms. She came from curiosity but something held her and made her come again, and then again—and the process of making a new creature was begun. Soon a boy, her son, appears with her charged to remember the texts and hymns which her poor memory cannot yet retain. How such words as "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy-laden" appeal to these burdened ones!

By the time the Autumn station class for women convened, she was thoroughly aroused, and it was made possible for her to attend. The baby had died and the boy was arranged for so she could stay throughout the session. When that class ended came the question what to do with her, as she longed to remain in an environment where she could learn more of what had become dear; and, as in our house we just then needed an *amah*, we decided to try her. In the years that followed while the old nature appeared occasionally, yet the new had the victory, and the daily morning worship and church services proved to be great means of grace. She learned to make bread and cook and many an itinerating trip she went with me for that purpose; and I well remember her keen interest in the Bible study which we had as we

journeyed from place to place or during a quiet evening in the house boat.

Years went by, Rescue Home in Shanghai wanted an assistant—and this was the woman who was chosen for the place. It was responsible and difficult work but she made a trustworthy matron there until the illness in which God took her home made it impossible for her to continue her service here below. Can you not follow her from that day when she first entered that neighborhood class, fit type of the squalor from which she came. and then as she went on step by step until she was called up there where there are no soiled robes, and where she is indeed a new creature? She is but one of many whose complete renewal testifies to the power of the Gospel of Christ.

And now go with me to a hamlet in a farming district. We enter a home where, according to Chinese custom, parents, sons and sons' families all live together. At the time of which I write the sons had certain portions of the farm proceeds, but the father was still head of the whole. Throughout the neighborhood he was notorious as an adept in the art of reviling If anyone wanted an especially fine bit of that devil's work performed he was the one called upon to do it. Perhaps this accounts for the hoarseness which has never left him, even when a complete change of heart made him a new creature. He was also the chief organizer of the idolatrous processions in that vicinity. But God's time arrived. One day he wandered into a Church service—and again the process of making a new creature was begun. A sense of sin overpowered him and he came to Christ for cleansing. He determined to devote his life to Christ with the same strength of purpose with which he followed his former master. The farm was divided among his sons, only securing for himself and wife the maintenance which is customary, and thus being free he is giving the remainder of his days going at his own charges from place to place preaching the Gospel with an earnestness which can only come from the constraining love of Christ. In his zeal he has made some mistakes, as when, to outwit the opposition of his wife, he slyly planned to have his daughter-in-law slip off to the women's class in Ningpo, when the supposition was that the young woman was still visiting at her mother's home in another part of the country. For this there had to be a "settlement" later when his wife found it out; for even a worm turns and Chinese wives, especially when they arrive at the mother-in-law stage, are not of the worm type! Also, when he forcibly as well as craftily relieved his helpmeet of her beloved penates when she was still halting between two opinions. Many such mistakes might be quoted against him in the days of his zeal without much knowledge, but do not be too hard on him, remembering that a certain craftiness has ever been one of the chief characteristics of those brought up in heathenism, and the degree of straightforwardness which they develop when they know the truth testifies to its power. This man's growth in grace has been marked, and no one more humbly acknowledges faults, or presses on more earnestly to the goal for the prize of his high calling than he; and not only are all the members of his household in the church, but many other souls won for Christ will be stars in his crown in that day. Changed from a notorious reviler and promoter of idolatry to an ardent preacher and liver of the Gospel he is indeed a new creature!

Come now with me into one of the "big houses" of Yü-Yao. The gatekeeper lets us pass freely for we are well-known and welcome. The lady of the establishment has her apartments in one of the inner courts. She is a tall lady of fine presence and keen mind. This latter quality she needs, for being the chief wife of the eldest of three brothers, all dead, she is the administrator of the finances of the three families, all of whom live in these courts.

She was not always a lady of fine presence and poise for she entered the establishment as a slave girl. Somehow she gained the affection of her master and was raised to her present position. In the years of her service, when lighting

her lord's opium pipe and waiting on him while he smoked, she contracted the opium habit and it gripped her like a vise. She became an emaciated wreck and longed for release from the thing that was killing her, but all she tried failed. At last she went to the "Jesus Church". Encouraged by her husband she went again—and again the process of making a new creature was begun. It took long to break the power of her enemy but, while it was harder than words can tell, she had come to believe in that other power to which all things are possible and the day came, when rejoicing in the new life of soul and body she cried out "Oh! I am indeed a new creature!" She is the largest contributor to the Yü-Yao Church and engages in all its activities in such a way that although of a different class socially she never antagonizes but wins affection.

Chinese doctor, with his family, who was trained in a foreign medical school and is in charge of a hospital supported by the gentry at Z-kyi Dr. and Mrs. Wu are Presbyterians. She was educated in our Ningpo girls' school. Although the hospital is supported by non-Christians no objection is made to the preaching of the Gospel, and the doctor sees to it that the Gospel is preached. He expects soon to build a chapel on the hospital grounds. Photo, given by Miss Rollestone.

Let us go again into a large court in which live several branches of a family decidedly of the better class, the mother, two sons and their two wives. The mother was constantly ailing and spent most of her time in bed, a faded, hopeless woman though only in middle life, her chief solace coming from her tobacco pipe. God's time for this family too had arrived, and the first step in the transformation was the decision of the older son to go to our Hangchow College, where before long he declared himself a Christian. While on vacations he earnestly sought to persuade his family and friends of the truth of Christianity. The second son attended our Ningpo Academy He also became a Christian, and with him, too, faith and work went together. On his return to Yü-Yao he threw himself into the work of the Church before long was elected elder and worked with earnestness, wisdom and humility. The mother was baptized in her own home—and now a miracle happened! She had begun the study of the Ningpo Romanized Chinese and more than glad was Mrs. Shoemaker to go to her home to teach and help her—but now she determined to attend the Ningpo class for women, an amazing thing for one who never thought she had strength enough to go beyond her own door. She came bringing her two daughters-in-law, the sister of one of these, and a friend, a confirmed Buddhist whom they had been persuading to become a Christian, and whose expenses she paid. I had charge of the class, and never have I had more satisfactory pupils! They entered into the regular life of the class asking nothing more although paying more than others, the only difference being that the daughters-in-law took the mother-in-law's share of the domestic work. She returned home a new woman, the old useless life and even her pipe—although tobacco smoking by women is not considered degrading by the Chinese—were cast aside forever. She started out in a new life realizing the truth of the promise that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Step by step this family went on. Seeking a place where he could make his life tell most, the second son offered to take charge of a boy's orphan-

A Gala Day at the Orphanage.

age, one of several started by *The Christian Herald.* The salary was very small compared with what a man of his ability could have commanded in some other line, but to be truly useful in his Lord's service he considered his best remuneration. Needless to say his offer was gladly accepted and he and his young wife have from that time put their whole powers into the lives of those boys.

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," for truly it is the power of God making new creatures in all conditions of men. I may not fully tell of the darkness of superstition which envelopes the great people of China. But the light is breaking through; and those who are in that light, remembering their time of darkness, rejoice with a joy perhaps impossible to those who never knew the contrast of heathenism.

YÜ-YAO, Ningpo.

The House Mother

Honors to a Notable Man

MRS. J. A. MILLER

THE POTENT name of Yuan Shih Kai has not yet faded from the minds of the Chinese people. His funeral train passed through Shuntefu on its way to Changtefu which was Yuan's native home and place of burial. Our official here at Shuntefu, having received medical treatment from our doctors for himself and family at different times, is quite friendly. He sent us an invitation to be present at the ceremonies at the railway station, and we were supplied with big white paper flowers to wear. These insured us an entrance at the station.

The officials and business men had spent considerable money and heart in erecting a mat-shed, which was decorated with flags and banners.

Under this shed on a long narrow table was spread an elaborate feast. Near where we were standing was a whole hog and a goat, *which should have been a deer,* dressed but not cooked. There were paper flowers in profusion and paper figures mounted on paper horses. Incense urns and lighted candles too, were conspicuous. A native band furnished martial music.

On arriving at the scene we were stationed at the official's left hand. At his right hand was the Tao Tai. These two men wore black dress suits, foreign style, with white gloves, and the Tao Tai wore a stiff silk hat. Next to them stood the highest military official. He wore a military suit, also of foreign cut, of a beautiful blue broadcloth trimmed with gold braid and having gilt epaulets. He had a white fluffy plume in his cap. Standing in line were other small officials. As the train slowly pulled into the station each of these men made three profound bows. The car carrying the casket

stopped just opposite this place. Presently two very ordinary looking men took their places beside the incense urns. One of these called out his orders in a loud boisterous voice. The officials wearing foreign hats removed them. The other ordinary looking man handed the urns of burning incense, one by one, to the military official, who took them in his hands, and bowed his head until his plume touched the burning incense. It made one nervous to watch the process, as I feared each time the plume might catch fire. When this ceremony was finished, they invited us up into the car. We were much surprised at this very special favor shown to us, as none of the Chinese were allowed to enter.

The casket, very much larger than those used at home, occupied almost the whole car. It was over-spread with a richly embroidered red satin cover. On each side at the head a young man sat on a mat spread on the floor. They were said to be Yuan's sons and were supposed to be knocking their heads as filial sons should do.

On the walls of this car hung the badges and decorations, which had been given Yuan from time to time. Also several floral tributes, presented by the foreign legations in Peking. The man in charge was Yuan's private interpreter and spoke good English. He said he would tell Madam Yuan of the interest shown by us.

On the outside, the car was decorated with cedar and paper roses. Several large characters of long life were conspicuous. It is a favorite character with the Chinese and one much used in decorating but we failed to see the significance of it in this case. The train was made up of many cars, one seeming to be wholly occupied by women and children, all of whom wore mourning. This was probably Yuan's family, though there seemed to be some difference of opinion about it.

An open car carried Yuan's imperial coach. It was a rich red, with gilt trimmings, and showed up beautifully in the early morning sunlight. One was reminded by this display of the vanity of man's glory so soon cut off! The crowd was perhaps rather more subdued than an ordinary gathering, but there was no sign of sorrow or grief.

SHUNTEFU.

Princeton, N. J., November 17th

DEAR EDITOR: Will you publish a little note of thanks for me? No, it is not for packages of postal cards, nor for Christmas boxes, nor any special gift for my work, but for the heart-to-heart meetings and the loving hospitality of the dear women who are sending me as their ambassador for the King to the land of Chosen!

Our Secretary for Speakers kindly arranged that I should visit the churches which are interested in me. Far away the presbyterial President commenced her campaign and arranged for five district meetings. This involved much writing, 'phoning and planning, all in addition to the oversight of her home and family. Everyone worked, and finally the day came when the missionary was to arrive. Naturally all were interested, because little description had been given, they did not know whether to expect someone large or small, but introductions were soon made and I think before we parted we knew the real meaning of the well known hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds".

Mary Slessor of Calabar tells us in her wonderful book that while home on furlough she came to a deeper understanding of what the home in Bethany meant to our Lord. So I too have drunk deep of this beautiful hospitality and wish it could be the privilege of every missionary to meet her faithful and loving supporters as I met the women of Athens Presbytery, Ohio.

(*Mrs. W. T.*) *Maude R. H. Cook.*

"COMING back from the native service a little Chinese maid about seven years old came up behind me and putting her hand in mine we walked along together. Coming to the corner where I should turn off, I said—'Well, I suppose that you keep on going down this street,' 'Yes,' she replied, 'but it is all the same, I will just go round with you'. And so we walked on, the little maid chattering away about the wonderful kindergarten she went to, while the white-haired missionary thought what a change this was from the time when he was stoned in the same city fifteen years before!" *A South China Missionary.*

WE had a joyous day in January when twenty-six were received into the church. Of the twenty men several were the result of the Ding Lei Mei meetings held a year ago. They seem so earnest and true. I pray they may continue to grow in grace. More women want to be baptized but I don't like to be too hasty because they have so much to unlearn; and aren't as open-minded as the men because they are more circumscribed in life, and more superstitious. I like them to be on probation for about two years anyway.

SIANGTAN. (*Miss*) *Catherine T. Woods.*

Bird's-eye view of Kuling where the missionaries rest among the hills in summer. Among the residents of Thurston, Miss Morton, etc. The open space to the left of center is the recreation grou

Coming Down From the Mountain

MARJORIE RANKIN

THERE was not even the light of moon or stars when I started down from Kuling at four in the morning. By the hazy light of the lantern we passed the quaint houses dimly visible through the mist, silently wended our way through the sleeping Chinese village, and started down. Can you imagine the sensation of dropping down and down on a narrow path, winding in and out at the edge of the cliff? Gradually the dim outlines of the mountains to the right could be seen. The light grew stronger and stronger till the whole sky was a flame of color. Suddenly the clouds lifted and the plain with the gleaming river lay before us in the wonder of its morning tints. Then the friend who had accompanied me returned and I went on alone, down through the lights and shades, past bubbling mountain brooks and deep crystal pools, across rustic bridges, over boulders, past thickets and bamboo groves. Did you ever see a bamboo grove in the early morning light with its glints of dark and light, its jointed stalks and feathery, dew-sprinkled leaves? It fairly takes one's breath away!

At the half-way house I got a chair and rode across the plain in the ever-increasing heat. I shall never forget the city as I entered it that morning from the coolness and beauty of the hills. The street was so narrow I could have touched the houses on both sides. Children clad only in birthday clothes were playing everywhere. Half-naked men went slowly about their work. Pale-faced women were feeding their babies, or getting the meal in the open shops which lined the streets. Children were screaming, food-venders crying their wares, water-carriers calling for an open road, and above all the voices of my own carriers telling them to "Make way, make way for the foreign lady!" Everything from the children to the food was covered with flies, the very air was thick with them. Everyone was fanning with the little energy they could summon, though it was hardly eight in the morning.

I spent a day visiting the mission work and was especially pleased with Ginling College—the Union Women's College which opened last year in the old Chinese house with winding alleys, quaint courtyards and beautiful flower gardens. I can't imagine a more beautiful spot in which to spend one's college days. It is a place to dream about in after years!

Next morning I boarded the train for Tsinan, my first experience traveling third-class for any distance. The third-class car is like a box car with a narrow board running around the edge for a seat. I was very fortunate in getting about three feet of this board. Almost half the occupants of the car were seated on their

...y cottages dotting the slopes are Dr. Berst, Dr. Robertson, Mrs. Jones, Dr. Tooker, Mrs. Kepler, Mrs. Crabb, Mrs. ...nnis court; to the right of center is the church. Photo loaned by Miss Catherine T. Woods.

bedding scattered around the floor. After a long day towards dark we ran into a wind and rain storm. Windows and doors all had to be shut and we steamed for about half an hour. When it got beyond endurance I went out on the platform. How refreshing was the swish of rain and cool wind in my face! On returning I found it had rained in under the seats and everything had to be moved to make way for the miniature rivulets. That was when I felt especially thankful for my seat! The rain finally stopped, the floor was swept up and the windows opened one by one to let in the blessed air. Then the beds were spread out and the people settled down for the night. The woman at my right was half on the seat and half on a box, with the baby on the box beside her. Her husband slept on my trunk. The servant sat on a box with his feet across a pail of water and his head on an upturned basin. I pillowed my head on my handbag, with my feet at right angles on the suitcase and managed to spend quite a comfortable night by sitting up every hour to rest. The two trainboys spread a blanket on the middle of the floor, went off to sleep as peaceful as babes and never stirred all night in spite of the fact that everyone entering had to step over them. I was glad to reach Tsinan at six in the morning, stayed there a few days with my brother and then came on down here.

WEI HSIEN.

From "The South Gate of Heaven"

MRS. CHAS. K. ROYS

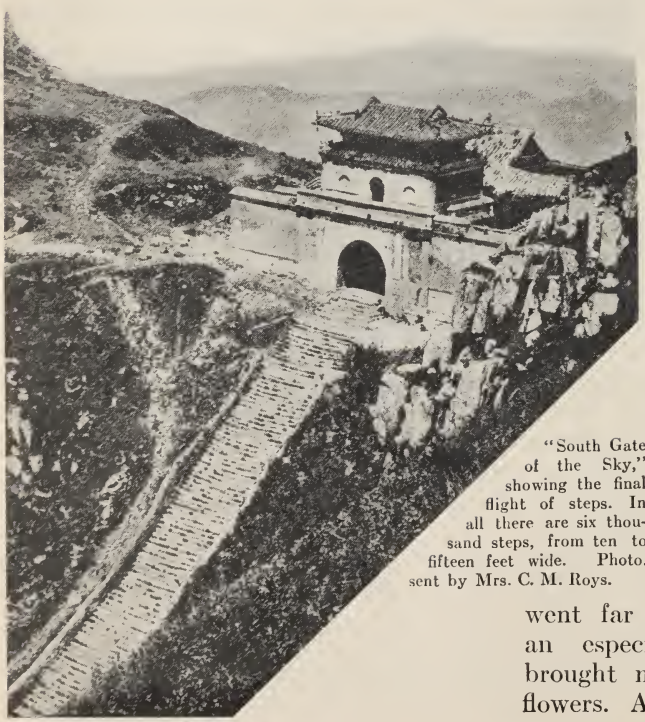
WHAT do you think of two serious-minded, gray-haired "mishies" just picking up their tramping clothes and deliberately taking a week's honeymoon before the autumn's work begins? Well, that is what Dr. Roys and I have done and here we are, perched up in a delightful little lodge on China's sacred mountain, Tai Shan. We are reveling in the quiet and coolness after a summer of unprecedented-even-for-China heat. The mountain is bare and rocky but a few trees shelter the most friendly little wrens, tinted a delicate green, while just at our feet there is a little mountain stream which sings us to sleep every night. Such isolation from every perplexing thought of the hospital and its problems, I never dreamed of finding within the bounds of the Middle Kingdom. And what shall I say of the luxury of *real* milk, not the tinned or boiled variety which we use in Tsinan?

The past summer was a terrific strain on my husband. He carried through August single-handed the entire hospital and dispensary work, which normally takes the time of four foreign doctors. The awful heat had kept me from getting on my feet after my operation in late

May; and with one accord the entire Tsinan community jumped on us with the ultimatum that we must "get hence"! Good friends made all the plans for us, arranged for the children's comfort and happiness; and we two, somewhat bewildered by an unexpected honeymoon in prospect, took the train for the mountain, only two and a half hours by train from Tsinan.

We came along from the railroad station in mountain chairs—a sort of rope-swings hung between strong poles, up the step-path of the mountain to the group of small houses which the Methodist Board provide for their missionaries' summer vacations. It was in one of these that we stayed. The utter lack of trees and shrubs is felt at once as a draw-back to the beauty of the mountain; but there is a wonderful variety of flowers and ferns. We were much pitied by our friends because it rained for the first three days of our visit; but we needed no pity! It was one of the rare experiences of the entire trip to watch the mists and clouds in the valley below, and to glory in the sun as it shone on the mountain top. Although the soil is rocky and the climate dry, we found a riot of wonderful wild flowers: iris, lilies, honeysuckle, spirea, New England asters, pinks, begonia, monkshood, and ten or more varieties of ferns. It is small wonder that yellow is such a favorite color in this country, for the majority of the flowers were vivid yellow in color—and shone like gold in the sunlight.

Our simple needs were met by a raven which brought us supplies from the valley every morning—a raven which had a queue and carried a long pole on his shoulders, with a basket on each end to hold his load. Through the tender ministries of this, our only link with the world, and by short climbs each day we soon got ourselves into shape for the climax of our whole visit—the ascent of the Sacred Mountain, which rises some five thousand feet above sea level. My husband walked the entire distance and I was carried over all but the very roughest parts by four chair-bearers Although I have been carried so often in chairs in the past twelve years, still I cannot take any degree of satisfaction in using *men* as beasts of burden. It is true that these men have been trained for just this work from their youth and have reached a state of remarkable muscular development. True also that we foreigners treat the bearers more kindly than do their fellow-countrymen by reducing their loads and paying larger wages. Nevertheless, the five-hour hard climb was an agonizing experience to me; and I saw little on the way up but the straining muscles of those poor bearers. How kind they were to us at every turn! They went far out of their way to chase an especially pretty butterfly, and brought me several bunches of lovely flowers. At the top when we walked over



"South Gate of the Sky," showing the final flight of steps. In all there are six thousand steps, from ten to fifteen feet wide. Photo. sent by Mrs. C. M. Roys.

to see the cliff with its terrible history of suicide, the chair-men begged us to come away quickly lest the impulse should seize us to take the plunge over. No one can estimate how many poor creatures have cast themselves down that thousand feet of sheer rock, thus giving their lives that the gods might spare the life of some dear one who was sick.

The ruins of old altars from which sacrifices were offered as far back as 2,000 B. C. were of supreme interest. We sat on the oldest of these stone altars and in absolute silence watched the setting sun and thought of the millions of pilgrims who have worshipped in that place. We were filled with awe and reverence. Small wonder that people in all ages have climbed to this, the nearest place they know to Heaven and have there made their sacrifices. There can be no doubt that the worship in those earliest times, two thousand years before the coming of Christ, was related to the sin-offering spoken of in the Old Testament. It is of course the old monotheistic worship which the Emperor performed from earliest times at the Temple of Heaven in Peking. One could not view lightly the surroundings to which Confucius himself came for worship and which were viewed as historic ground even in his day. Until recent years the Emperor used to send down from Peking an embassy to open formally the worship on Tai Shan and again in the autumn, a messenger to close the mountain.

We were on the top of the mountain at the time of full moon; and it was an experience which will long live in our memories as we watched the heavens, the one half aglow with the radiant lights of the setting sun and the other half bathed in the silvery moonlight.

The downward trip was far pleasanter to me than the journey up. The full beauty of the arbor vitae trees edging the roadway; the groups of century-old locust trees; the picturesque stone bridges, waterfalls, wayside shrines and tea houses —all of which I had scarcely noticed the day before, were now fully enjoyed. There are three so called "Gates of the Sky"—one at the beginning of the ascent, one at the half-way point, and one at the very top of the mountain. This last gate, "The South Gate of Heaven," is at the top of an almost perpendicular flight of six hundred steps. It is a positively hair-raising experience when the chairmen coming down shoot through this gate and start down the stairs on a run. One looks down half the height of the mountain and feels sure it is the last deed of his mortal life. So sure-footed are the bearers, however, that one has never heard of an accident.

How through all the ages God must have looked down in pity upon this mountain with its streams of people groping after Him. I say it in all reverence, one can begin to understand why He sent His dearly-loved Son to earth to lead these wandering millions who were as sheep not having a shepherd. What a wonderful place this mountain is to see God through His created world! May it be that in future years men shall climb Tai Shan to offer allegiance to the True God, Maker of Heaven and Earth!

Tai Shan, Shantung

From Far Hainan

JUST REAL BOYS

Mrs. H. M. McCandliss

How queer it is that opportunities at hand do not attract as do those just out of reach! Hoihow is so human in this respect. Patients in the hospital and persons interested in Christianity are not those from nearby homes. On the contrary, they come from distant villages. From the nearby villages still sound the recurring toot-toot and bang-bang of idol festivals!

Some months ago we gathered into a little Sunday-school the children who came to church. For weeks there were so few that we almost lost heart. But

THE CHINA CONTINUATION COMMITTEE IN SESSION AT SHANGHAI, APRIL, 1916. *First row of tables on left of the photo:* Rev. J. T. Proctor, D.D., Baptist, U. S. A.; Rev. A. Weir, Presbyterian, Scotch; Dr. Beebe, Methodist, U. S. A.; Dr. MacGillivray, Presbyterian, Canadian; Rev. G. A. Clayton, Wesleyan, British; Rev. Mr. Cheung, Cantonese. *Second row of tables:* Rev. F. B. Turner, Methodist, British; Rev. C. G. McDaniel, Baptist, U. S. A.; Rev. A. P. Parker, D.D., Methodist, U. S. A.; Rev. Chen Chin Ching, Presbyterian, Amoy; D. E. Hoste, Esq., Director, C. I. M., British; Rev. Ding Li Mei, Presbyterian, Shantung. *Third row (three) tables:* Rev. F. J. White, D.D., Baptist, U. S. A.; Rev. M. McKenzie, D.D., Presbyterian, Canada; Rev. J. C. Gibson, D.D., Presbyterian, British. *Fourth row (three) tables:* Rev. Mr. Haddons, Congregational, U. S. A.; Mr. Chen Chuen Shang, Presbyterian, Shanghai; Rev. Dr. Hawks Pott, Episcopalian, U. S. A. *Fifth row (three) tables:* Rev. A. Berg, C. I. M., Sweden; Lin Tien Te, C. I. M., Hangchow; Rev. Arthur Smith, D.D., Congregational, U. S. A. *Sixth row of tables:* Hwang sin Chiang, Episcopalian, Hankow; Hu han Ting, Episcopalian, Hankow; Miss Margaret King, C. I. M., Canada; Mr. E. W. Wallace, Methodist, Canada; Bishop Iliff, Episcopalian, British; Rev. J. Walter Lowrie, D.D., Presbyterian, U. S. A.; Rev. Schultze, Lutheran, Germany. *Rear row of tables facing this way from left to right:* Rev. Shew Wen Ching, Wesleyan, Hankow; Rev. C. L. Boynton, Baptist, U. S. A.; Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, Ref. Church, U. S. A.; Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, Presbyterian, U. S. A.

notice how many we now have, and especially where they come from. Walking through the surrounding villages we hear "*bae-oa, bae oa,*" on every hand. It is "how do you do?" called by the boys who come here on Sunday. "Are there as many as that?" you inquire. Yes, indeed! For last Sunday we counted one hundred and sixty—so many, that in order to keep order, interest and any kind of time they are seated close together around the piano on the parlor floor. Those who know any tune at all are drowned out by the newcomers who know none, and a chaos of sounds results. But are they not like American children? They too, like to make a noise and to grab for picture cards.

For several weeks we missed a boy who brings two tiny sisters, who, with theirragged,sombreclothes always carry tiny gay pink parasols! After finding his home we hear that he has been ill with fever. "But," says his mother,"he never forgets the hymns about God and Jesus".

Not long ago a woman came running to the hospital carrying her boy. Playing with another boy he had accidentally fallen on some lamp chimneys and cut his side open in a horrid gash. After the sewing up, and as he lay hovering between life and death, his mother asks, "who is that God whom my little boy talks about?"

During Sunday-school session a woman walks in, spies her son, grabs him and hauls him off. "If I see you coming here again I shall whip you!" and she gives him a cuff on the ear for emphasis. Opposition? Yes, indeed, but even though the parents do not come yet, we are sure the boys will lead them.

While teaching "Jesus loves me" to the children one day and telling them that if they loved Jesus they could go to heaven, one little boy asks, "Where is Heaven?" "Up in the sky," is the answer. "Don't you dare go there then," chimes in another as he gives the first speaker a poke, "for the God of thunder will give you a blow and send you shooting down to earth again!"

"Oh-h-h!" and they all settle down with determination not to go to heaven just yet.

HOIHOW.

"When I came out to China I did not think much of foreign missions or foreign missionaries, but I now take off my hat to the missionaries. I have never contributed much to foreign missions but when I get home I shall put everything that I can spare into the foreign mission collection. They are a noble lot of men and women and are rendering a very great service to the people of China."—Dr. Henry G. Adams of the University of Michigan, adviser to the Chinese Republic on the Standardization of Railway Accounts.

Corner of Library at Canton Christian College, located in Grant Hall, given by Mrs. John S. Kennedy and equipped by Mrs. A. F. Schauffler. The library contains about 8,500 volumes.

Mrs. J. S. Kunkle, formerly Julia Post Mitchell, a daughter of former Secretary Arthur Mitchell, who went out to China as a teacher in Canton Christian College and is now the wife of Rev. J. S. Kunkle of Lien-chou.

AT our last communion about eighty were examined for church memberishp and our city chapel had as many. Forty-five splendid men and women were from one village near here, brought to study by a man who had had an operation in our hospital. I am opening a girls' school in this village. The girls have already unbound their feet. One women, whose prospective daughter-in-law was among the number, sent word to her that she was to bind up her feet and that she would settle this school business by making her marry immediately. The girl came to me heart-broken. I sent one of our wise Biblewomen to the mother-in-law's village to make her acquaintance and talk over the affair, with the result that she sent word back for the girl to "rest her heart," she would not call for her. When one wishes to give an idea of the amount of work to be done and the meager number of workers, it is impossible. People at home cannot conceive of the daily lost opportunities because of lack of time.

Mrs. Robert Mateer.

WEI HSIEN.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

JAPAN

Miss Ida Luther writes: Vacation is over and I am once more at work. The meetings at Karuizawa claimed much time, more Japanese friends visited us than ever before. Frequent calls upon them, and quiet walks with them to the woods occupied many hours. I have been perfectly well all summer, and am tanned a dark brown from tennis and mountain climbing. To-morrow our Alumnae meet. Then, the opening of school on Friday morning. For one week, or until it is cooler, we will have a half day session. Then begins our full schedule for the autumn. We have no Thirtieth Anniversary to plan for this year: but another big evangelistic campaign is on for October—so the days will be full with interesting work. While at Karuizawa I attended a series of meetings conducted by a Mr. Inwood from England, one of the Keswick speakers. He helped us all very much. I have come back with a greater longing to be completely surrendered to the Holy Spirit for service than ever before, and believe God will use me to bring souls into the Kingdom with more power this year.

SOUTH AMERICA

Mrs. F. F. Darley writes from Caracas: The Board has just authorized us to buy a big house which, with some alterations, will accommodate three families. We are waiting for the occupants to vacate, and we are indeed anxious to get into our new home. Being our own, we can put every extra penny into it. We have few extra pennies, though, now when everything is sky-high!

Little by little the mission is growing. From 1897 to 1912, Dr. and Mrs. Pond worked in Caracas, and all that time it was considered a station of the Colombia Mission. But at the time of our coming, 1912, the Board decided there should be a Venezuela Mission, with Caracas for a center. So with three families and property for residences, we feel that we are growing. We have two preaching places in Caracas, the central chapel, "Chapel of the Redeemer," in the center of the city, and a branch chapel in the eastern part of town. The central chapel was built by the Ponds, in 1912. Before that, services were held in the large front room of a house as other missionaries here do now. So the building of the chapel was quite an event and a landmark in missionary work here. We rent the house where the native preacher and his family live, the front room is the preaching place, and in another room the small school is conducted. We would like to purchase this house, for it has a good situation—but we don't want *all* the earth *this* year! Having achieved fourteen thousand dollars' worth of it, we ought to be satisfied, oughtn't we?

AFRICA

Mrs. R. H. Evans writes from Efulen: Rather unexpectedly we were transferred to Efulen station. We were sorry to have to leave Fulasi work and people. But the need here at Efulen was very great, and it was decided to transfer us. This station was evacuated by the missionaries last September on order of the German Government, which used it as a post until the colony passed to the Allies in January. The church work and church members needed help badly, and Mr. Evans and Dr. and Mrs. Weber, who reached here from furlough, a week before we did, have been getting things in shape, so that now the work is in pretty good condition, considering the circumstances. It will be a long time before the people and all branches of the work will recover from the effects of the war in the colony, and its consequences will continue to be demoralizing. And Efulen's proximity to the coast makes its people sensitive to some of the conditions which are not so keenly felt at the stations farther away. For instance, it has been impossible to have successful schools, either here at the station or in the villages—here at Efulen—because the children, echoing their parents' independent spirit, refuse to attend because we cannot now teach any foreign language, though they know that if we should later begin to do so they would be required first to finish the course in Bulu, just as was the case when we taught German in the schools. I believe the sophistication of the people hereabouts is a factor in the somewhat discouraging condition. Many of the church people fell away from the straight path during the past months, but when we realize their weaknesses and the strong temptations to which they were subjected, we must sympathize with them even while disciplining them, and rejoice that so many others did remain true and strong.

SIAM

Mrs. L. C. Bulkley writes from Klong Chang (Elephant Stream): I visit in the homes, patch up quarrels, help find work for those who are poor and teach the Siamese women. One of our fine Christian men died a few months ago, his wife has no children and she said she would like to give her life to Christian work. I have undertaken her support myself and she comes to me every day to learn to read. She has been such a quiet, timid, little thing, I don't know how she will do, but she has a most beautiful faith and is showing amazing determination and perseverance. In March, Dr. Bulkley and I, with our eldest child and several Siamese helpers, made a two-weeks' tour up the west coast in a little Chinese junk; visited several islands, doing considerable medical and evangelistic work in one place where we spent five days. I have such a wonderful Chinese nurse for the children, that I was able to leave her all that time at home in charge without worrying. . . . There has been a smallpox epidemic round Trang, since our return, and the hospital vaccinated 850 people. We have had the longest and hottest "hot season" that the province has known in many years and we were at home all through it except for the two weeks at sea.

You will not find this place on the map because until recently no soul has ever lived within many miles. It is a little clearing cut out of virgin forest about six months ago, the house is of bamboo—the most primitive imaginable. It is about eighty miles from Taptieng, at the foot of a high mountain, with a clear stream in front of us, waterfalls near by. It is an approach to a tin mine farther around the mountain. From where we left the train we walked an hour through forest to get here; all sorts of wild creatures about. . . .

HOME DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

CHOSEN TODAY

"What hath God wrought?"

HYMN: "Lead on, Oh, King Eternal!"

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1: 15-23.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

FIVE TALKS or papers *strictly limited to five minutes each*:

PRESENT DAY POLITICS: "The competitive contact with the Japanese in every walk of life is making profound changes in Chosen life and custom."

EDUCATIONAL WORK: "Within the next ten years all Christian schools must conform to the Government curriculum and must separate education and religion."

MEDICAL WORK: "Steady training of Koreans as physicians, so that in time they will be capable of taking entire charge; of nurses with the same plan in view; of specialists and teachers—this is the ideal towards which our medical missionaries are working."

CHOSEN SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: "Chosen illustrates more nearly than any other nation the Sunday-school ideal, all the church in the Sunday-school and all the Sunday-school in the church." See page 619, *International Review of Missions*, October, 1916.

THE CHOSEN CHURCH AT WORK FOR MISSIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD: "O Lord, we are a despised people, the weakest nation on the earth. But thou art a God who choosest the despised things. Wilt Thou use this nation to show forth Thy glory in Asia?"—*A Chosen prayer.*

HYMN: "Soldiers of the Cross, arise."

MAP TALK: (10 minutes) Presbyterian Work and Workers.

PRAYER for the Presbyterian Work and Workers: "The Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him."

TEN CHOSEN SNAP SHOTS: One-minute items from latest reports, magazines, daily newspapers, etc.

OFFERING: "Every one whose spirit made him willing brought the Lord's offering to the work."

BRIEF CLOSING PRAYER.

DOXOLOGY.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: The latest reports of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions; *The Missionary Review of the World; The Assembly Herald;* WOMAN'S WORK; *The Rising Churches in Non-Christian Lands; The King's Highway; Chapter V; Year Book of Prayer for Foreign Missions.* LEAFLETS: *Concrete Christianity in Korea; Korea's Only Hope; The Korea Pentecost; A Wide-awake Station in the Land of Chosen.* Seventy-fifth Anniversary Series, *Korea.*

WAYS OF WORKING

CONSIDERING the high price of paper, what would you think of suggesting that each subscriber might like to sell her old papers and magazines, and send the money to WOMAN'S WORK to help to meet the advanced cost?—*From a subscriber who appreciates your magazine.*

"ONE result of our 'Summer Christmas Tree,' was the box we sent to India to help our missionary make a happy Christmas for her school children. It weighed nearly three hundred pounds and contained washcloths, three hundred cakes of soap, dolls, picture-books, toys, handkerchiefs, two gross of writing pads, one gross of pencils *with rubbers*, a thousand pieces of cut-out patchwork, hundreds of remnants of gingham, percale and calico, hair-ribbons and uncounted gay postal, Christmas and Easter cards."—*A St. Louis Worker.*

"WOMAN'SWORK for September tells all about the important work our society and others are doing in Darkest Africa. How we are sending into their gloomy kraals sunny fountains of the blessed Gospel of the Saving Christ. Four bits makes it a visitor to your home for a year."—*From a Los Angeles Church Bulletin.* This announcement brought in three new subscriptions, and was followed by others as specific and clinching.

"Two missionary cartoons, 'Attention and Inattention,' were given by a young woman's society in Los Angeles.

"'Inattention' was given first, with every girl busy with needlework, crocheting or tatting. An occasional, hurried glance was given to the earnest speaker who, with a fine map, was pointing to the location of our missions. Failing to get their attention, she finally put her hands over her eyes and sat down. They closed by singing 'Will there be any stars in *our* crowns?' with their books and mouths open, and with piano accompaniment, but not a sound made by any one. Explanations were given by the author, who stood in the chancel. In the second scene, 'Attention,' every girl sat upright, with eyes riveted on the same speaker, who was at last happy and radiant. There was no fancy work in sight, and at the close the girls literally fell over the chairs in their haste to make an offering and shake the hand of the speaker. It was just seeing ourselves as others see us, but it made a decided impression and we have seen no needlework in the meetings since. Of course it was a little overdrawn, but it accomplished its purpose."

PROGRAM BUILDING: "Cut out detail in printed program. Needs to be flexible in these days. Program building takes thought. Its basis is brain and brawn. Do not include study books. Avoid monotony. Build for a definite purpose. Should contain surprises. Use extra outside help frequently. Advertise. Have special days. We have been 'penny wise but pound foolish'. Like slot machines, we get nothing out till we put something in. Have good music. Uplifting—helpful. Food—even if not the main thing, it helps loosen tongues. Program committee appointed early and hold during year. Provide incidental things. Limit time. No use for

'platform pirates' who steal others' time. Do not have papers read. Have them said If one is full of a subject she can talk it. Insist that speakers shall be heard and that the audience help her to be heard. The meeting should be a family gathering where may be the introduction of unknown friends. Time for each meeting one and half hours. *Devotional period* (not devotions) 30 min. (Cut anywhere but here. Core of the meeting.) Carefully planned. Intelligent prayer. Put it where it will mean most. *Business*—5 min. Chairmen recommend after having discussion of subject in committee meeting. *New Business*—To be committed to committees. *Secretary of Literature*—5 min. to present new literature, etc. *Current Events*—5 min. (Presented by pastor, chart, or pithy talk.) *Topics* —3 main topics—10 minutes each. 6 minutes for leader in each of the 3 and 2 minutes each for 2 assistants. *Closing*—5 minutes."—*Mrs. D. B. Wells.*

WOMAN'S WORK

LINNIE HAWLEY DRAKE

[THESE pleasant verses reach us in connection with our prize competition. Though they were not entered for a prize, and are not eligible under the conditions of the competition, yet we are sure they will be of interest to our readers.—EDITOR]

TIRED with the day's exhausting din,
Oft of myself and the thoughts within,
Many an evening I've turned for rest
And found just the tonic that suited me best.
In WOMAN'S WORK.

WOMAN'S WORK! Well entitled, I say—
From the Editor's pen, in her gracious way,
Compelling one thought, to the least little bit
Of a story of some most unfortunate chit—
WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S WORK! As I turn the page
I could almost smile at the old-time sage,
Who bade the women to "bide at home"—
Did he dream, I wonder, of days to come
And WOMAN'S WORK

Did his prophecies tell of her counsels sweet;
Of her laying her *all* at the Master's feet;
Of her ministrations in far-off lands,
Of her tireless heart and unwearying hands—
Of her ceaseless *Work?*

Did they e'er foretell that woman alone
Could answer—the pitiful "Come, Oh, Come!"
From the harem's walls? Could they measure the cost
Of a woman's soul — of a woman lost?
That is Christ's own work!

Nor could they number the beds of pain,
The tortured bodies, the sin-warped brain;
Babies reclaimed from the river's brink,
Mothers now learning to do and to think;
WOMAN'S WORK

Ah, but you say "Is there naught to bestow,
On those who must stay—surely all can not go?
And must we to answer our Lord's demands,
Leave the needs at home; far in foreign lands,
Find WOMAN'S WORK?"

Dear heart! Dear heart! In the love of our Lord
Foreign! Foreign! There's no such word,
And a cup of cold water—you know the rest—
What matters the place? In His Name is the test
For WOMAN'S WORK

So the little book I close with a prayer,
That God's best blessing may linger there,
So much of courage and hope and cheer,
That's why I think that we hold so dear
WOMAN'S WORK!

KANSAS CITY, MO.

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

ARRIVALS:

At New York, Nov. 27.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Coan of Urumia, W. Persia.

At New York, Dec. 1.—Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Boomer of Santiago, Chile. Address, East Northfield, Mass.

DEPARTURES:

From Vancouver, Nov. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Genso, returning to Chosen; Miss M. Lillian Dean, to join the Chosen Mission; Mrs. J. B. Rodgers, returning to the Philippine Islands.

From New York, Nov. 2.—Prof. R. A. Brown, Rev. R. R. Gregory, Rev. Chas. Petran, Rev. W. E. Vanderbilt, returning to Mexico; Rev. Alfred G. Cheney, to join the Mexico Mission.

From Vancouver, Nov. 4.—Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Ross to join the India Mission.

From New York, Nov. 6.—Miss Jean K. Mackenzie, returning for a limited period to the W. Africa Mission.

From New York, Nov. 9.—Miss Helen T. Grove, returning to W. Persia; Dr. E. M. Dodd, Miss Jean Wells. to join the W. Persia Mission.

From San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Campbell to join the Chosen Mission; Miss Isabelle M. Ward, returning to Japan.

MARRIAGE:

At Hangchow, China—Mr. Eugene A. Turner and Miss Mary E. Lee of the Central China Mission.

RESIGNATIONS:

Miss Lucy F. Bittinger, honorary missionary in India.

Miss Mary E. Lee of Central China Mission, Appointed 1912.

DEATHS:

At Tsinan-fu, China, Oct. 10.—Miss Edna M. Brack of the Shantung Mission. Appointed 1914.

At Chicago, Ill., Nov. 21.—Dr. Alice Mitchell of Woodstock, India. Appointed 1895.

Children's Object Story Sermons, by Rev. Otis Tiffany Barnes. Fleming H. Revell Co. $1.00.

Mr. Barnes shows what may be done with simple objects easily obtained in capturing the attention of the child. Magnets, safety matches, clocks, looking-glasses, etc., are requisitioned for the pulpit and they are made to point a moral and adorn a tale remarkably well. The fifty-two sermons cover the whole year and there are special messages for such times as the glorious Fourth, New Year's Day, Palm Sunday and Easter. There is but little of direct missionary interest but those who speak on foreign missions to children will doubtless find similar methods useful in interesting their juvenile hearers at the start. *S. A. H.*

Talks on Latin America and *Latin America Stories*, by Rev. Geo. H. Trull, in charge of the Boards' Sunday-school department, will be found valuable material for programs and classes which are studying *The Living Christ for Latin America*, as well as for the Sunday-schools for which they are expressly designed. The first volume gives observations by Mr. Trull himself and information, attractively put, about our Presbyterian work in that field; the second is a storehouse of illustrative and interesting stories, not denominational but collected from many sources.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Philadelphia

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building Directors' meeting first Tuesday of each month at 10.30. Prayer meeting, third Tuesday at 11. Visitors welcome at both meetings.

Prayer Meeting, January 16th. *Topics: The Women's Boards, China.*

The Fifty-ninth observance of the Week of Prayer meetings of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, January 2–5 inclusive, will be held in Westminster Hall every afternoon from three to four, a time of blessing anticipated and remembered through the year; Tuesday, Subject: *The Non-Christian World*, Leader, Mrs. Geil; Wednesday, *The Church at Home*, Mrs. Lee; Thursday, *The Church in Missionary Lands*, Miss Hodge; Friday, *Consecration and Sacrifice*, Mrs. Watters. May it be a holy week.

Our Latin America and Siam Campaign was initiated at the November prayer meeting and developed at the missionary luncheon for three hundred at the Curtis Building on November 28th, when addresses from Miss Hodge and Dr. Halsey for Latin America and Dr. McKean for Siam stirred enthusiasm to the achieving point, which was accentuated by a large gift from Pittsburgh.

The prayer-meeting, with Mrs. J. W. Cochran the inspiring leader, moved us to prayer as our unfailing power, Miss Hodge warned us of the moral danger of commercialism in the attitude of our country toward other world powers in this time of war and even the tendency to aloofness and unconcern among Christian people as to their missionary duty. "After all what have we done or given?" In the interest of young people's organizations Mrs. Harris made a strong point of friendly, practical co-operation from the older women in every church.

The first service at Directors' meeting was in memory of Dr. Underwood and our dear Dr. Esther Anderson. Important business of many kinds, including the election of Miss Gertrude Hollis as a Director, threatened to fill the entire session, when Miss Seiler from India fluttered in like a bird and sang Kolhapur songs of joy over the happy kindergartners with their blind organist, the Widows' Home, where practical industries are admirably carried on and the boarding school girls, two hundred strong, on their way to church are the wonder of the town for their neat appearance and modest decorous behavior. "What makes them different from our girls?" they ask.

The Living Christ for Latin America is making a strong appeal all through the territory of our Board. The first edition of sixteen thousand was exhausted before the first of October, a second of twelve thousand followed and a third edition was ready before December. Normal classes led by our Field Secretaries, Miss Schultz and Miss Wishart, on *The Living Christ for Latin America* at Northfield, Pocono Pines, Avoca and Wooster Summer Schools; Mr. Millikin's normal class in Philadelphia for the four nearby presbyteries and Mrs. Walter Knipp's normal class for Baltimore, are all showing rich results in the number of leaders at work. Certificates of Honorary Membership in this society, in grateful acknowledgment of the gift of one hundred dollars—for that purpose, are now ready for presentation. Societies and individuals may thus express their gratitude to those whom they delight to honor.

From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave., every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

Be very careful to see to it that every missionary on vacation gets the rest which he came home to secure. He has had from seven to ten years of continuous labor and nerve strain, and should return refreshed.

The other day I heard a lady say, "How fine it will be when all money comes in in quarterly payments!" The Board's Treasurer happened to be standing near, and she said, "That doesn't satisfy me. I want *even* quarterly payments—i.e., just as much money the first, and every other quarter as the last one". We were all exhausted last year in the *last few days*, when it was next to impossible to handle the mail and the money before the year closed.

The Educational Campaign is in full swing and even though the thermometer was from 14 to 20 below zero in Montana, the letters came in glowing with the spirit of success. By the time you read this, the secretaries, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Silverthorne, will have toured Montana, Nov. 5-22; and Iowa, December 3–17. Follow them and pray for them for these coming dates: Indiana, January 7–February 2; Illinois, February 4–March 5; Minnesota, March 15–April 7; Nebraska, April 11–April 30; North Dakota, May 4–18.

During furlough days in Chicago, Dr. Harrison of Bahrein, Arabia, gave counsel fitting every member of every family, when after months of endeavor

among young people's conferences, he said that only as the love of missions is grown in the church and in the Christian home, can there be found the loyalty to Christ of which missionaries are made.

THE missionary committee of the Endeavorers of Chicago First Church is presenting a series of missionary travelogues to continue monthly until April. The lectures, given by six members of that church and illustrated by fine field slides, have these titles: *The American Indian; Immigrants in America; China Yesterday and Tomorrow; Child Life in Sixteen Nations; Canal and Caravan through Africa; Women of the Orient.*

WE have not in many years, had so many synodical meetings attended by members of the Board as this year. We hope another year to have a representative at each synodical meeting.

WE are looking forward eagerly to the Annual Meeting this year at Indianapolis and shall soon begin to consider program and speakers.

DO not leave the raising of the *Synodical Advance* until the last thing—Finish it up at once and have that in hand first.

COPIED from the files of the Educational Secretary of the Board of the Northwest, reporting mission study work from April first to November first, 1916.

	Classes	*Programs*	*Circles*	*Total*
COLORADO	22	6	3	31
ILLINOIS	64	31	3	98
INDIANA	17	33	1	51
IOWA	27	29	2	58
MICHIGAN	18	6	1	25
MINNESOTA	15	9	5	29
MONTANA	4	5		9
NEBRASKA	9	7		16
NORTH DAKOTA	6	7	2	15
SOUTH DAKOTA	4	2	1	7
WISCONSIN	12	8	1	21
WYOMING	1	1		2
Totals	199	144	19	362

HOW does your Synodical society compare with the others in the above report? How will it stand on the 15th of March when the files close?

Total last year for same period: 165—a gain of 197.

LEAFLETS: *China of Today; Born Again; A Chinese Helen Keller; A Long Step Ahead,* each 2 cts. *The Chinese Lad Who Became a Great Leader; A Daughter of New China; School Girl and College Woman of China; Ding Li Mei; Hainan*—a sketch; *Hainan's Daughters,* each 5 cts. *Christian Education of Chinese Women,* 5 cts. *New Faces and Forces in China,* 1 ct.

From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

THE great feature of the November meeting was the celebration of Secretary Speer's completion of twenty-five years connection with the Assembly's Board. On behalf of the Women's Board, Mrs. Schauffler expressed gratitude for his helpful kindness and for the happy relationship which has existed through all the years. Mr. Speer spoke of the years as having been over full of compensation in the assurance that the work was near to the Lord and in the rich friendships with his fellow workers which they had brought.

AN EXTRA large supply of the *Year Book of Prayer* for 1917 has been provided in the hope that it will be more widely used next year than ever before. It is the greatest help to intelligent prayer for those who are "Our Substitutes" in carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth—and our prayers are what the missionaries crave.

THE $10,000 SPECIAL which our Board has undertaken to raise this year, is to be divided according to the following schedule: First, *$5,000* is to be given towards the purchase of residential property in *Caracas, Venezuela,* thus establishing a Mission Compound where heretofore we have only had the Church property. Second, *$2,000* is to be given towards the enlargment of *Silliman Institute, Philippine Islands.* This school has greatly outgrown its present equipment, and its usefulness will be trebled when the plans for new buildings can be realized. Third, *$3,000* goes towards a *Hospital Building* at *Nan, Siam.* For years our medical missionaries have struggled to heal the sick, even performing operations without any hospital. It is a privilege to be sharers in the gift which will mean a modern plant, including well-equipped operating-room. Every member of a Missionary Society within the territory of the New York Board, is asked to contribute to these three specially urgent needs.

OUR LIGHT BEARERS and Junior C. E.'s are contributing towards a bell for Silliman Institute, as their Christmas Thank-Offering, that they also may have a share in the "Special". We hope such a big offering will be made that a bell may be sent large enough to be heard all over Silliman campus.

OUR text-book for the year, *The Living Christ for Latin America,* is meeting with such success that already a third edition has gone to press and those who order the book occasionally have the wholesome experience of being told that they will have to wait, because the demand for this Missionary Book is greater than we can keep up with! Before the year ends, *every* Auxiliary should have studied this book by one of the accepted methods, and many other Presbyterians should have it in their homes. It is our own book, tells of our own work, and is in direct line with the great Latin America Expansion campaign. Has your Society had a class yet? If not, will you not try to have one organized?

LEAFLETS: *A Daughter of New China; Ding Li Mei; School Girl and College Woman; Through Fire to Christ; A Chinese Girl's Vow,* each 3 cts. *A Long Step Ahead; The China of Today,* each 2 cts.

Do not send orders for leaflets, Yearbooks or other literature to WOMAN'S WORK but to your own Headquarters.

From St. Louis

Meetings first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10.30 A. M. Visitors welcome. Orders for missionary literature promptly attended to. Apply to Room 707, 816 Olive St.

IT is a pretty custom, "watching the old year out" spending its very last moments in tender reminiscence. It is as if the year at such a time, had a sort of personality of its own; it had given this, or that, it had taken away, and now, it too was going away, and because it had grown very dear to you, you sit down beside it lovingly, until the inevitable moment of parting comes.

MEETINGS at headquarters have been most interesting. Representatives to synodical meetings

brought fine reports, judging from which, the outlook for the year is hopeful. We have returned to an old habit of ours, of having open meetings on the morning of each monthly session. This does not mean that visitors will not be welcome at both sessions during the first hour. At the monthly meeting we will try to have interesting reports and when we can—a missionary; the open session closing at 12 promptly, the executive beginning at 2 P. M. We hope our local societies will send a delegate or two. In this way we may come closer to the officers at Headquarters and to each other, and perhaps have a keener interest in our common work.

We are hoping that our societies in general are working towards the increase asked of us. We only know that our gifts so far, are in advance of those of a year ago, and so we "are hoping".

Letters were from Miss Carrie Clark of India; Miss Mary Cogdal of China and Mrs. Winn of Chosen. The cry from Chosen is still "not enough workers." nor does the cry come from Chosen alone. We are delighted that Mrs. Hicks from China is here at present, and the family will be here from some weeks.

The Living Christ for Latin America seem to be popular with our study classes, and it is a splendid aid to the many efforts leading to enlarged interest and activity. The wise man of long ago might repeat his observation concerning the making of books could he read the list of books missionary. But over and above all these is the One Book which was never studied in any age, nor by as many nationalities as it is to day—and we thank God for that!

Leaflets: *Charts and How to Make Them*, 5 cts; *The Woman of South America*, 2 cts.; *With Uncle Sam's Neighbors*, 2 cts.; *High Testimony*, 1 ct.; *Betty's Trip to Japan*, 5 cts.; *The Young Woman's Society*, 3 cts.; *The Path the Cow Made, and the application*, 2 cts.; *A Chinese Pollyanna*, 2 cts.; *Promises of Peace*, 2 cts.; *A Nickel for the Lord*, 1 ct.; *The Two Masters*, a Missionary Drama, 10 cts.; *A Missionary Pageant in Pantomime*, by Mrs. Frank A. Brown; *If They Only Knew*, each 5 cts.; *Missionary Adventure*, 2 cts.

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From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meetings first Monday of each month at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive session every third Monday. Prayer Service first and third Monday at 12 to 12.30.

News is received of the marriage of Miss Julia Post Mitchell, member of the faculty of the Canton Christian College, to Rev. J. S. Kunkle, missionary at Lien-chow, China. Her sister, Alice Mitchell, M. D., has been for twenty-one years a missionary in the Punjab, India. It was fitting that Dr. Arthur Mitchell who left a pastorate for the position of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, should have given two daughters to the foreign field. He was an enthusiast for foreign Missions.

All Secretaries of the Foreign Board are enthusiasts, for they cover the Presbyterian Church at home, in the effort to raise funds, to support the missionaries whom they send to all lands, who go with the message of the Gospel of the Son of God.

Two of our leading helpers in the Home sailed for China recently. Mrs. Young, an evangelistic teacher in our schools, and in Chinatown, where she goes with her Bible in her hands; also Miss Wu, interpreter and assistant house-keeper in the Home. Miss Wu hopes to find her mother from whom she was stolen when a child and brought to San Francisco to be a household slave in a family where she was overworked and half starved and from which she was rescued by Miss Cameron. She has saved enough from her small salary to pay her way to China.

Miss Wu had the rare opportunity to get an education—Mr. Horace Coleman placed her in a school in Germantown, Pa. for four years, and after a two years' course at Toronto Bible School, she was prepared for great usefulness.

Ching Leung, who came *home* on furlough from her kindergarten school at South Gate, Shanghai, has returned. She finished in the high school grade in our school, and then was trained as a kindergarten teacher. Many friends met at the Mission Home to speak parting words to these teachers.

Dr. Allen Moore, Director of the Palestine Pageant in San Francisco, which is an exposition of the life in Bible lands, was present at our November meeting. He spoke of the power of prayer in evangelizing the world.

Dr. Welbon of Korea, spoke of the power of the Korean church, being a praying, studying, giving, preaching church. Mrs. Welbon is at her home in Santa Anna. We remember her as the young woman who went to Korea so full of the spirit of missions.

The Synod of California met in Berkeley in October, and Mrs. Cleland of Los Angeles planned for a three day's Synodical meeting in St. John's Church; two days for home missions and one for foreign missions. The ladies of St. John's Church prepared luncheon and one hundred and fifty guests were served. Ministers brought their wives to the Synod, and it was pleasant to meet them. Mrs. Pinney arrived from New York in time to attend the meeting.

Leaflets on China: *Among the Blind in China*, 2 cts.; *A Daughter of New China*, 5 cts.; *Breaking Down 1,700 Walls*, 2 cts.; *Ding Li Mei*, 3 cts.; *Educational Series*, 3 cts.; *Historical Sketch*, 15 cts.; *Ling Te's Letter*, 3 cts.; *Medical Mission Series*, 3 cts.; *Pastor Hsi*, 3 cts.; *The Chinese Woman versus the American Woman*, 2 cts.; *The China of Today; The Ringing Bells; The New China; The Education of Chinese Women*, each 2 cts; *Sketch of Our Missionaries*, free.

From Portland, Oregon

Executive meeting at 10 A. M. on first Tuesday of each month, and popular meeting on third Tuesday at 2.30 P.M. in First Church. Literature obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 454 Alder St., Portland.

Our Board invites missionaries about to pass through our territory, to send due notice to Mrs. F. I. Fuller, 503 Spring Street, Portland.

The Follow-up Campaign after the M. E. M. Conference at Seabeck, Wash., in July, gave us a Mission Study Institute early in October which was held in the First Church of Portland. There were successful classes in our own textbook, *The Living Christ for Latin America*, conducted by our well-known leaders, Mrs. B. A. Thaxter and Mrs. Wallace McCament. The three evening meetings of the Institute were interesting and popular. Two missionary demonstrations, *The Appeal of the Nations* and *Mrs. Dasher's Study Class*, being given on first

and second evenings respectively, and a stereopticon lecture on South America on the third.

A LETTER from Miss Hatch, dated October first, says: "At last the long sea voyage is ended. We arrived in Bangkok September 28th and were received with every kindness by good friends. The voyage from Hong Kong was very rough. The heat here is intense. I am fighting mosquitoes every moment as I write. Tomorrow we start by rail for Chieng Mai." We shall doubtless soon hear from her at length.

OUR sympathy and prayers have been with our dear Dr. Leonard, who has had to go to her own hospital (Douw) for a surgical operation. This has been reported successful, and she was started towards convalescence, according to our Miss Rustin who has been her day-nurse. We expect all is continuing to go well with her and are most thankful that Miss Rustin was there to nurse her. Miss R. herself is meeting encouraging success in language study, not finding the difficulties she feared.

OCTOBER NINTH Miss Ruth McIvor, R. N., wrote of her arrival in Peking and that the missionary committee decided to send her to language school at first. At this school are doctors and ministers wrestling with the difficulties of the language, but she takes courage by the thoughts that "All things come to him who waits," and that the Chinese are very patient. She is assigned to work in Temple Hill Hospital in Shantung in charge of Dr. Oscar F. Hills, who built the hospital with his own money, and has a great reputation. Miss McIvor writes of her eagerness to be at the work.

MISS ELIZABETH FRANCIS who has been hoping to go as a missionary, and carefully preparing for work, goes as a missionary helper to Bogota, and her friends, knowing her consecrated earnestness, believe she will do excellent work there.

A LONG letter about Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Soltau, of Chosen, comes too late for this writing, but contains many interesting items which we hope to embody in our next notes. We must tell, however, the interesting news of the arrival of a little daughter, Eleanor Anne, in their home at Sen Sen, and we all say—God bless the little one and her parents. Another letter in the same late mail contains the latest news from Miss Louisa Lee who has gone back to Fatehgarh where she has charge of the Non-Christian Girls' School. We learn that members of the Newberg, Ore., C. E. dressed Christmas dolls for the girls in Miss Lee's school.

LEAFLETS: *A Long Step Ahead; Born Again*, each 2 cts. *China of Today; A Daughter of New China; Ding Li Mei; The Redemption of China's Women; School Girl and College Woman in China; Wonder Stories*, each 3 cts.

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The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

CHILLICOTHE,	$259.62	PITTSBURGH,	$13.00
CLEVELAND,	1,251.83	WASHINGTON CITY,	650.00
FLORIDA,	11.00	WESTMINSTER,	634.36
LEHIGH,	3.27	OHIO SYN. SOC.,	38.35
LIMA,	259.59	WEST VIRGINIA SYN. SOC.,	10.00
NEW HOPE,	26.55	MISCELLANEOUS,	735.03
NEWTON,	5.00		
NORTHUMBERLAND,	30.00		
Receipts from October 15th to November 15th,			$3,927.60

Total since March 15th,	$80,170.65
Personal Gifts to Missionaries,	121.00
Persia Relief Fund,	77.80
Syria Relief Fund,	7.50
Latin America Development Fund,	7.00
Siam Extension Fund,	3.00

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The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

ABERDEEN,	$60.00	IOWA,	$50.00	RUSHVILLE,	$289.00	SPRINGFIELD,	$47.90
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BUTTE,	100.42	KALAMAZOO,	71.50	SIOUX CITY,	5.00	MISCELLANEOUS,	82.57
CAIRO,	2.00	LAKE SUPERIOR,	72.50	SIOUX FALLS,	69.00		
CHICAGO,	1,367.18	MANKATO,	212.71				
DETROIT,	358.98	MINNEAPOLIS,	126.50				
DULUTH,	42.00	MINNEWAUKON,	60.80				
FLINT,	43.00	MONROE,	7.00				
FREEPORT,	204.50	OAKES,	18.50				
GRAND RAPIDS,	50.00	PEMBINA,	148.00				
HELENA,	11.00	PETOSKEY,	30.00				

Receipts from October 16th to November 15th, 1916,	$3,709.06	
Total Receipts since March 16th, 1916,		$55,413.75

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HUDSON,	72.00	WESTCHESTER,	363.25
LONG ISLAND,	181.00	Legacy,	156.66
MORRIS & ORANGE,	691.00	Interest,	98.75
NASSAU,	73.10	Miscellaneous,	1,673.33

Receipts from October 15th to November 15th,		
Regular Work,	$15,222.34	
War Emergency Fund,	100.00	
Latin America and Siam Extension Fund,	113.00	$15,435.34
Total Since March 15th,		
Regular Work,	$55,107.61	
War Emergency Fund,	466.00	
Deficit Fund,	42.00	
Latin America and Siam Extension,	113.00	$55,728.61

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The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

ARKANSAS,	$68.19	SALT RIVER,	$94.00
ARDMORE,	34.25	TOPEKA,	1.00
JONESBORO,	8.11	KANSAS SYNODICAL SOCIETY,	5.00
LITTLE ROCK,	21.62	Miscellaneous,	339.35
PECOS VALLEY,	21.00		

Total for Month,	$592.52	
Total for year to date		$14,875.02
Relief Fund for month,		2.75
Relief Fund for year to date		144.26

Yours truly,
MRS. WM. BURG, *Treas.*

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